



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Common Council

Meeting Date: May 19, 2026

Item Title: District 1 Council Vacancy
Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The following candidates (in alphabetic order) have shown interest in filling the Council vacancy, I've included their statement of interest.

- **Nathan Barnes**
I, Nathan Barnes, am submitting my interest in the vacancy for District 1 Alderperson for the remainder for the vacated term through April of 2027.
- **Rhonda Haberman**
I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Columbus City Council. I bring strong expertise in financial stewardship, budgeting, and accountability, with experience managing large-scale budgets, forecasting, and improving operational efficiency in complex organizations. I have a proven track record of strengthening transparency and fiscal responsibility, ensuring compliance, and implementing controls that safeguard public resources. I have worked directly with residents, managed contracts, and promoted responsible spending, demonstrating my commitment to collaboration and practical problem-solving at the local level. My background positions me to support Columbus' priorities of sound budgeting, sustainable growth, and responsive community leadership.
- **Sarah Motiff**
I respectfully submit my application to fill the Alder vacancy in District 1. My proven leadership and prior experience as a District 1 Alder uniquely position me to serve the City effectively for the remainder of the term. While I recognize that there have been changes since my previous service on the Council, the core priorities remain unchanged. My knowledge and experience will ensure a smooth and effective transition, allowing the City to continue making progress without disruption. Thank you for your consideration.
- **Paul Pyfferoen**
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List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

n/a

Action Requested of Council:

Consider and take action on the appointment to fill the District 1 Council Vacancy